

Pioneer Ports Meeting

Monday November 7, 2016

Quality Inn: 6 p.m. social half hour; 6:30 p.m. dinner and discussion

Attendees: Jerry Klemm, Mike Thomason, Joe Poire, Dan Boone, John Love, Linda Olson, Marvin Jackson, Jennifer Bly, Belinda Campbell, Rick Davis, David Doeringsfeld, Mary Hasenoehrl, Kim Petrie, Tom Kammerzell and Kristin Meira.

Port of Clarkston Commissioner Rick Davis conducted the meeting. Joe Poire requested that items three and four on the agenda be switched because they had to leave early.

After introductions and an opportunity for public comments, which there were none, Joe Poire and Linda Olson spoke to the group regarding the Snake River Family Festival to be held on May 20, 2017 at Boyer Park.

They provided a handout to everyone present outlining the event and showing what has been done, and what still needs to be done. They do not feel they should reach out to the media yet and asked for suggestions and comments from the group. They also provided the group with a cost sheet from the Beacon Hill Events people outlining all of the event costs which totaled \$52,488.78 including tax. Belinda and Jennifer suggested other avenues for getting some of the items accomplished without spending the high costs outlined in the expense sheet. They spoke about Riverfest and how well it was attended. Mary Hasenoehrl did not think that the kids jumping castle was necessary because it did not have relationship to the rivers. The consensus was that everyone must band together and reach out to the public in local advertising and public awareness of this Festival to make this a very successful event.

Kristin Meira next spoke to the group. She provided several handouts to the group one of which was the Snake River facts covering navigation, agriculture, energy and fish and the environment. She also provided a handout and held a discussion regarding the Southern Resident Killer Whales and the Snake River Dams which was published by the NOAA Fisheries Service. Because the whales feed on salmon the whales were listed as endangered in 2005. In 2014 they re-examined the issues, including consequences for Southern Resident killer whales and concluded that breaching the dams is not necessary for recovery of Snake River salmon or Southern Resident killer whales. The BiOp concluded that hatchery production of salmon and steelhead in the Columbia and Snake River system more than offsets any losses of salmon from the killer whale prey base caused by the dams. The environmental groups are now banding together and really pushing for breaching the Snake River dams. There are record returns of salmon runs at this time.

Kristin encouraged everyone to attend the scoping meetings being held by the federal agencies all across Washington, Idaho, Montana and Oregon. There needs to be strong support at these meeting and attendees and other stakeholders are encouraged to submit comment letters online. Comments must be received by January 17, 2017.

Individual port updates were given, with David Doeringsfeld, Port of Lewiston, going first. He discussed ongoing efforts to install fiber throughout Lewiston, a street improvement project, the digester that was under construction, the BPA transformer that is coming in next week, and the earth moving project where EKO used to be. He also mentioned that all of the Idaho legislators will be at LCSC next week and people should try to get time with them.

Port of Clarkston discussed the newest tenant at the Turning Pointe business park, and the continuation of fiber installations and the goal to cross the Southway Bridge with fiber which is being held up by the Asotin County Prosecutor's Office.

The meeting concluded at 7:30 p.m.


Mary Hasenoehrl, Secretary, Port of Lewiston